



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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CMS AND THE BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

1. On 15 September 2006 the CMS Executive Secretary attended the first meeting of the Head of Agencies Task Force on the 2010 target, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and hosted and chaired by IUCN in Gland (see document CMS/StC31/11). The meeting reviewed the contribution of different biodiversity-related organizations to the achievement of the 2010 target. CMS presented the attached flow-chart, indicating the main areas of CMS work of relevance to the target.
2. The chart stresses that since COP-8, the 2010 target is an important goal for the work of CMS, as also indicated by the motto of the COP ('On the move to 2010') and by the adopted Strategic Plan. 2006-2011 The Secretariat will present the chart to the Standing Committee in detail later this week. An introduction to the chart is provided below.
3. The chart is organized in different sections reflecting CMS areas of work. Pluses and minuses indicate success or difficulties in progressing 2010 activities.
4. The first section to the left refers to the Strategic Plan 2006-2011, which represents the main contribution to the advancement of CMS work, and sets clear targets for CMS activities. The Strategic Plan and actions envisaged were acknowledged by COP-8 as the Convention's planned contribution to achieving the 2010 target (Res. 8.7). However, implementation relies on national and local actions by the Parties as well as by the Secretariat.
5. The second section is linked to the previous one. It refers to the resources available to the Secretariat to undertake activities envisaged under the Strategic Plan. Despite an above-average budget settlement at the last COP, allowing the Secretariat to continue with its mandate, the enhanced budget scenario embracing the '2010' target could not be financed by subscriptions. To overcome the shortfall in resources available, the Secretariat is initiating a number of partnerships, to allow the optimization of existing resources, the joint implementation of projects and the identification of alternative sources of funding. The section also offers a snapshot of ongoing joint projects and initiatives.
6. The third section considers the four pillars of the outreach and communication work of the CMS, and reviews results and initiatives developed since COP-8.
7. The fourth section (top right) illustrates current specific work on agreement development, focusing on future instruments.
8. The fifth section (far right) lists ongoing or planned scientific work. Its relevance to the 2010 is particularly evident for what pertains the development of the 2010 indicators and reviews of species and threats.

Development of indicators

9. Development of migratory species indicators was recognized by COP-8 as an appropriate step towards an assessment of the contribution of the Convention in the achievement of the 2010 target. In this regard, COP-8 requested the Secretariat to continue to liaise with the CBD Secretariat and the other Biodiversity-related conventions and relevant institutions with a view to adopting suitable indicators to measure the achievement of the 2010 target and, in collaboration with the Scientific Council, to develop a Migratory Species Index within the context of Living Planet Index.

10. In pursuance of this mandate, the CMS Secretariat joined in early 2006 a 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010 BIP). The Partnership is an initiative bringing together over 40 organisations and agencies working on 2010 biodiversity indicators in support of the 2010 target. It is coordinated by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC).

11. The BIP aims at supporting the regular delivery of the 2010 indicators at the global level in a way that is useful for policy intervention and communicating degree of success in achieving the 2010 target. It is expected to establish links between global and regional biodiversity indicator development, and relate this work to other targets and indicators used in the various multilateral environmental agreements such as CMS, and other international initiatives such as the Millennium Development Goals. Detailed information on the BIP is available from the BIP website:

<http://www.twentyten.net/partnership.htm>

12. The representative of the Secretariat participated in the 2nd 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Meeting, which was held in Cambridge, 7-8 February 2006. The meeting allowed to finalize a proposal for a GEF Full-Sized 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project, submitted to GEF in March 2006. The Secretariat has recently been informed by the project coordinator that the proposal has been successful. Funds allocated by the GEF to the 2010BIP amount to over \$3.6 million, and cover activities from late 2006 to late 2009, including establishing and maintenance of the Partnership, developing and delivering the range of indicators showing progress towards the 2010 target at a global scale (including a few already recognized as of particular interest to CMS, notably the Living Planet Index (LPI) and the Red List Indices (RLIs)), implementing a communications strategy, and increasing the capacity of national governments and regional organizations to develop and use biodiversity indicators in the context of the 2010 target. While the confirmation of GEF funding represents a very significant step forward, the project counts on the capacity of partners to raise a quite significant amount of resources to match GEF core funding. In this regard, the Secretariat is engaged in identifying matching resources in support of the activities of more direct interest to CMS within the project.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is requested to:

- (a) Note the steps taken by the Secretariat to link the Convention's programme to the 2010 target; and
- (b) Take note of progress towards the development of 2010 indicators; Confirm support of the Convention to the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project, and encourage Parties and other donors to provide matching resources for project's implementation.

?! HAVEN'T WE ALWAYS BEEN WORKING TO REDUCE BIODIVERSITY LOSS?

MANDATE:
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATORY SPECIES

on the move to 2010

COP8: SPECIAL FOCUS ON "2010 CAMPAIGN" WITH 2010 "FLAVOUR" TO THE AGENDA



OB2 NEW AGREEMENTS

- Pacific Cetaceans
- Pacific turtles
- Migratory Sharks
- West African Small
- African Eurasian Raptors
- Gorillas
- Snow Leopard
- Dugong
- African Bat
- Central and East Asian Flyways

STRATEGIC PLAN
CONSERVATION OF MS AS CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY... AND 2010

PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS SET

- OB1** INFORMATION RESEARCH
- OB2** BEST CONSERVATION MEASURES
- OB3** AWARENESS IN KEY ACTORS
- OB4** REINFORCE CMS FAMILY ROLE

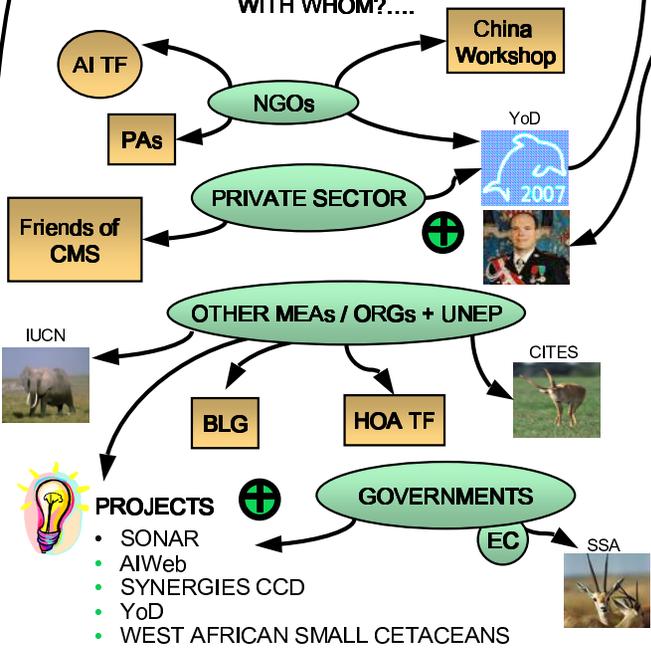
IMPLEMENTATION STRONGLY DEPENDENT ON...

€ BUDGET €

SCENARIO 3: APPROVED
SCENARIO 4: ENHANCED ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

RESPOND BY ESTABLISHING/JOINING PARTNERSHIPS

WITH WHOM?....



- PROJECTS**
- SONAR
 - AIWeb
 - SYNERGIES CCD
 - YoD
 - WEST AFRICAN SMALL CETACEANS

LIST OF PROJECTS
http://www.cms.int/bodies/StC/31st_stc_meeting/presession/english/Inf_06_CMS_Projects_List

OB3/4 OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS

- RAISE AWARENESS**
 - Website enhancement
 - Ambassadors and Patrons
 - Brochures/toolkits
 - Thematic campaigns (YoD, YoB, WMBD)
- BUILD CAPACITY/ MEMBERSHIP**
 - Regional workshops (from outreach to training) ...
 - Manuals
- STRENGTHEN IDENTITY**
 - CMS FAMILY GUIDE
 - EVENTS
- INNOVATE/ TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**
 - Wildlife Watching and Tourism
 - Climate Change

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OB2 PROJECTS

- SSA
- SMALL GRANT PROJECT

OB1 RESEARCH

INDICATORS

2010 TARGET

REVIEWS

- HUNTING
- BY-CATCH
- BARRIERS
- TAXONOMIC GROUPS
- KEY HABITATS

GUIDELINES

- MITIGATION MEASURES
- MS INTO EIA REGULATIONS
- MS INTO NBSAPs

MEMBERSHIP

FROM COP7 (2002): 80 PARTIES
TO COP8 (2005): 93 PARTIES
NOW: 99 PARTIES

- FOCUS ON :**
- CHINA
 - BRAZIL
 - RUSSIA
 - Small Island Developing States (SIDS)